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WASHINGTON, December 9, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 4 totaled an estimated 14.9 billion ton-miles, 11.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 49 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 755.9 billion ton-miles, 12.8 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 4 totaled 336,206 cars, 16.0 percent below 1981, but 24.5 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 25.4 percent in the East, 11.2 percent in the South, and 12.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Twenty of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended November 27 totaled 30,827 cars, up 5.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 53,384 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 48 weeks of the year was 1,770,204 cars, 9.4 percent higher than last year, and 3,116,330 trailers and/or containers, up 7.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/4/82:

	Loadings in Week ended December 4, 1982			Change from Corresponding Week 1981		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	23,952	D		1,115	4.4	I	4,761
Other farm products	6,091	I		708	13.2	I	687
Metallic ores	10,838	D		15,355	58.6	D	123
Coal	96,215	D		26,073	21.3	I	17,807
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	8,438	D		1,629	16.2	I	2,498
Nonmetallic minerals	10,189	D		779	7.1	I	3,177
Grain mill products	11,868	D		789	6.2	I	2,324
Food and kindred products	12,933	D		1,420	9.9	I	2,622
Primary forest products	14,101	D		3,754	21.0	I	3,749
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,121	I		293	5.0	I	1,259
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,459	D		2,061	11.1	I	2,195
Chemicals and allied products	21,562	D		2,126	9.0	I	4,894
Petroleum products	4,545	D		842	15.6	I	893
Stone, clay and glass products	9,373	D		1,781	16.0	I	1,515
Coke	3,856	D		2,253	36.9	I	522
Metals and products	7,197	D		5,075	41.4	I	2,111
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,193	I		199	1.5	I	3,611
Waste and scrap materials	6,529	D		2,903	30.8	I	1,440
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,024	D		1,784	20.3	I	1,310
All other carloads	45,574	I		4,460	10.8	I	8,944
LCL traffic	148	D		122	45.2	I	22
Total Cars Loaded	336,206	D		64,201	16.0	I	66,218

Corresponding week of 1981

400,407

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (49 weeks)	17,607,022	20,586,994	D 14.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
48 Weeks cumulative	741.0	850.2	D 12.9
Week ended December 4	14.9	16.8	D 11.6
49 Weeks cumulative	755.9	867.1	D 12.8